



ITINERARY IDEAS: OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Old Town Scottsdale, the vibrant heart of our city. This is where U.S. Army Chaplain Winfield Scott put down his farming roots in 1888 and where Scottsdale residents and businesses thrived in the decades that followed. Today, the various walkable “neighborhoods” of Old Town Scottsdale are hubs for the city’s arts and cultural scene, and home to nearly 100 fabulous dining and nightlife options, and a highly favored shopping and lifestyle scene.



TAKE A TOUR

Discover Old Town through the eyes of our local experts! From guided food tours and gallery excursions to Segway rides and a pub crawl on a 14-passenger party bike, these tours will show you the best that Old Town has to offer. If you prefer to explore on your own, self-guided tours can be downloaded at ExperienceScottsdale.com. Options include the Historic Old Town Walking Tour, Scottsdale Ale Trail, Scottsdale Wine Trail and Scottsdale Coffee Trail.



Timeframe: 2 to 4 hours



DISCOVER SMoCA

The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art celebrates modern art, architecture and design through thought-provoking, changing exhibitions. The museum, an ingenious renovation of an old movie theater by architect Will Bruder, also is home to “Knight Rise,” a James Turrell skyspace that allows you to track the sun’s colorful path across the desert sky.



Timeframe: 1 to 2 hours



DISCOVER PUBLIC ART

Scottsdale's renowned public art program encompasses more than 70 magnificent installations throughout the city, including more than 10 in Old Town alone. Download your free copy of the Old Town Public Art Walking Tour at ExperienceScottsdale.com and discover some of the most celebrated art works the city has to offer, including the Soleri Bridge (Paolo Soleri), “Knight Rise” (James Turrell) and “Jack Knife” (Ed Mell).



Timeframe: 1 hour for the Public Art Walking Tour



SHOP TIL' YOU DROP

Scottsdale Fashion Square is the Southwest's largest shopping destination, boasting more than 250 retailers including anchors Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Macy's and Dillard's. In 2018, Fashion Square debuted its new luxury wing which features an Escada flagship store and other upscale retailers such as Jimmy Choo, Gucci and Louis Vuitton. You'll also find outstanding shopping along Scottsdale's famed Fifth Avenue, on the quaint streets of Historic Old Town and in the historic Arts District.



Timeframe: At your own pace



SOAK UP SOME WESTERN SPIRIT

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West celebrates the spirit of the American West through changing exhibitions of fine art, rare historic artifacts and cultural treasures like Texas Ranger badges, hand-tooled saddles and Native American pottery.



Timeframe: 2 to 3 hours



GO FOR AN ARTWALK

The galleries of the Arts District stay open late every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ArtWalk, a Scottsdale tradition for more than 40 years. Special exhibits, artist receptions and live entertainment create a festive atmosphere for exploring art in a variety of genres by national and international artists.



Timeframe: 2 hours



DINE IN OLD TOWN

Old Town is home to several of Scottsdale's most acclaimed restaurants. Enjoy award-winning farm-to-table cuisine by Chef Charleen Badman and an outstanding Arizona wine list at FnB. Over at Virtú Honest Craft, Chef Gio Osso delights diners with a seasonally changing menu of Mediterranean specialties. And at The Mission, spice things up with contemporary Latin cuisine by Chef Matt Carter. Other local favorites in downtown include AZ 88, Craft 64, The House Brasserie, Old Town Tortilla Factory, Marcellino Ristorante and Hand Cut Burgers & Chophouse.



Timeframe: At your own pace



PARTY ON

The barely contained daytime energy of the Entertainment District explodes after dark. From Hip Hop and House to the cutting edge of Country, the music at the district's upscale nightclubs pulses with a beat all its own. Popular stops include Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row, El Hefe Supermacho Taqueria, HiFi Kitchen & Cocktails, The Mint Ultra Lounge, Maya Day + Nightclub and Skylanes, a boutique bowling club offering craft cocktails and bottle service.



Timeframe: At your own pace



GRAB A LATE-NIGHT BITE

It's well past the dinner hour and you're hungry – what do you do? Head to Old Town where late-night dining is an art form. Three to try are RNR, serving elevated gastropub cuisine until 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; ZuZu Lounge at the iconic Hotel Valley Ho for upscale American fare until at least midnight; and The Beverly, which serves Midnight Brunch from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays (must-try dishes include the vanilla-cinnamon waffles, tangy hot wings, and mouthwatering pan-seared filet bites). Bonus: If it's *really* late, pick up some street tacos from Mr. Mesquite Taqueria, a local-favorite taco stand on the edge of the Entertainment District that's open until 3 a.m.



Timeframe: At your own pace

For more information on these and other Scottsdale adventures, contact our destination experts at visitorinformation@experiencescottsdale.com.

